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In re the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to an Office Action Summary dated April 21, 2004, please consider the following amendments to the claims and remarks related to the subject application.

STATUS OF THE APPLICATION

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by a patent to Buechel.

PLEASE AMEND THE APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

IN THE CLAIMS

Original claims 1-20 have been canceled. New claims 21-39 have been added for ease in review by the patent examiner. Also, the new claims are drafted to distinguish the structure and function of the subject invention over the cited prior art patent references.

Please see the following claims found on separate pages.